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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

This constitutes an Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. The attached documents listed on the accompanying "IDS List of References" (a substitute for Form PTO/SB/08) are hereby brought to the Examiner's attention in the patent application identified above.

## REMARKS

All of the presently submitted references listed on the IDS List of References, i.e. Cite Nos. F1 through F5, are not in English. Cite Nos. F1 - F4 were cited in a communication from the Japanese Patent Office in a counterpart Japanese application.

## Concise Explanation of Relevance/Copy of Translation Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)

As a concise explanation of the relevance of Cite Nos. F1 – F4, an English translation of the Japanese Patent Office communication in its entirety is submitted herewith. The JPO communication was in Japanese Pat. App. No. 2003-206806, the foreign patent application on the basis of which priority is claimed in the present

application. (A copy of the Japanese Patent Office communication in its entirety follows the English translation.)

Cite No. F5 is discussed in the "Background Art" section of the present specification, in paragraph [0003]. Furthermore Cite No. F4 is mentioned in the "Background Art" section of the present specification, in paragraph [0004].

Furthermore, English abstracts of Cite Nos. F1 through F5 are available on the Japanese Patent Office website through Patent Abstracts of Japan (PAJ), and a copy of the corresponding abstract is attached to the back of each reference.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider these references, and to indicate so on the accompanying IDS List of References and make the document of record in the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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